

**BATH STREET MARINE TABLE TENNIS CLUB**  
**General Management Committee Meeting – 25 October 2019**

Present: Bernard Cooney (Chairman), Graham Turner (Secretary), Ian Brownrigg (Treasurer), Lesley Blanchard, Keith Hardman, and Jennifer Givens.

1. The meeting commenced at 1pm.
2. Apologies received from Mary Delamere, Des Logan and Doreen Smith.
3. It was noted that within the last two weeks news had been received of the passing of the spouse of Club President Billy Clayton and the spouse of long-standing member Barbara Alcock. Messages of condolence had been sent.
4. Matters arising from previous meeting:
  - a. Item 3b. – Snagging & water pooling. Property covered by a separate agenda item.
  - b. Item 3c – Alarm. This is now fully functioning.
  - c. Item 3d - Overhanging trees. This has now been dealt with.
  - d. Item 3e – Loan Agreements. Now completed and awaiting Secretary's signature. Agreements signed following end of meeting. It was also agreed that 2 loans should be repaid immediately, with the remainder being reviewed at the end of the 12mth initial period. The overall aim being to clear all loans as soon as possible.
  - e. Item 3g – Outside Lighting – Chairman spoke to Paul Leary of Marine, matter is with them.
  - f. Item 6 – Utility Bills. No electricity or water bills yet received. However, there has been dialogue with the Valuation Office Agency and SBC over small business rates. And agreement reached that nothing is payable. An online application for small business rates relief is to be completed. IB & JG are dealing with this.
  - g. Item 7 – Corporate Structure. Ongoing.
  - h. Item 8 – Fundraising. £47 raised from a recent coffee morning, No news on any other funding grants. GRT to follow up with SBC any possible further funds from Community Transition.
5. General Committee Vacancy

Following from the resignation of Sue O'Connor from the General Committee it was recommended that Jenny Givens should be co-opted to the vacancy. Currently Jenny acts as Assistant Fixture Secretary in an ex-officio capacity and is not a formal member of the General Committee. It was unanimously agreed that Jenny fill the vacancy and continues with her existing roles assisting the Treasurer & Secretary.

6. Room Name

Prior to demolition the old club room was called 'The Peter Ross Table Tennis Room', in honour of a former club chairman. However, the new building now has a formal address, so a separate name seems unnecessary. It was agreed the name 'Peter Ross Table Tennis Room' be dropped.

There are two commemorative plaques at the club to former members and it was agreed these should be offered to the families of those members.

## 7. Property Update

- a. Water Ingress – there have been some instances of ingress, seemingly at the joints between units. This has been reported to Eagle who have been out to address the matter re-sealing joins.
- b. Roof Pooling – the issue of pooling on the roof has been addressed by Eagle and they are going to add a new overlay structure to the roof to improve drainage. This is proceeding as quickly as possible.
- c. Sponsorship – Eagle has offered sponsorship of a new club Tshirt. This is being taken forward.
- d. Lighting – a new light tile for the far end of the room has been ordered and is awaited. The general level of lighting continues to be monitored in light of some comments from top level players that the general level of lighting is not adequate. The light level was calculated for the installation to enable it to meet TTE minimum standards for league play. And it is believed that the general overall level, which has been approved by LDTTL, does meet those criteria.
- e. Toilet door – an adjustment has been made so that it is now easier to open once inside.
- f. Blinds – one blind suffered damage but has now been repaired. A further 2 are to be replaced.
- g. Wall damage – it was suggested that when the room is re-painted a different finish of paint be used so that the walls are washable.
- h. Acoustics – a local firm have been asked about acoustic panelling to help manage the sound quality in the room. They have been and carried out a survey and are to provide an estimate and suggestions to meet the need. It was stressed that any panelling to the walls needed to colour match with the existing décor. JG taking forward.
- i. Security – all members had been reminded of the need to ensure windows fully closed, shutters closed and bolted and electricity to heaters and lights is switched off on exit. It is of concern that these simple actions are still being overlooked. Education and reminder will continue, and all are asked to be vigilant.
- j. General Maintenance – house keeping is being done weekly and all are asked to help maintain the fabric, tidiness and general well-being of the building and its fixtures and fittings.
- k. The committee acknowledged the work done by Tom Bell in helping to maintain the building.

## 8. Finance & Membership

- a. The accounts are up to date and current balance at bank is around £9,600 but this includes the personal loans of members. Currently monthly income is exceeding outgoings.
- b. No information has been received as yet about utility bills for electricity and water.
- c. The current membership has increased to 80 adults and 13 children.
- d. The records of the social fund are being regularly checked and surpluses being transferred to the main account.

9. TT Kidz

GT reported that TTE were inviting Premierclubs to apply for participation in the next phased release of the TT Kidz programme. There were two issues, did the club wish to apply for the new building to be used for a TT Kidz programme, and would the club be content for its name to be used to enable an application to be made for a TT Kidz programme at Anfield. Space and personnel were considered factors for bringing TT Kidz into Marine. However it was agreed the club should support and application for the programme at Anfield.

10. Social Events Update

KH reported that the Christmas fun night would be on Friday 13 December at Marine – and will include a special guest! 64 people have already indicated an intention to attend. There is also a ‘fish & chip supper’ planned for Saturday 30 November. Dates have also been booked for February, April and June for social nights at Marine.

11. Any Other Business

- a. It was requested that JG be given access rights to the club website. GRT to take forward.
- b. It was requested that the Membership Application form be re-drafted to include the bank details for SO payments.
- c. The club has been asked if both Andrea Holt (TTE NW Regional Rep) & Greg Yarnall (TTE Head of Development & Volunteering) can visit to see the new facility. Andrea would also like to see our social daytime table tennis in action. GRT will liaise and advise of dates when agreed. Subsequent to the meeting, Andrea was in contact and a visit arranged for Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October.
- d. It was suggested that the table covers be abandoned as these are being left on the floor and gathering dirt. They are however useful when the tables are stored for match play to separate the two surfaces.
- e. The LDTTL has been asked if it will donate a few barriers to the club from its stock held at Park Road.

The meeting was closed at approximately 2:10pm. The next meeting will be at 1pm on Friday 29 November.

Graham Turner  
Secretary, 25 October 2019.